

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TAX POLICY

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

10:30 A.M.

Room 519 House Office Building

Chairman Bieda called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Palmer, Wenke, Calley. (17/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None. (0/17)

Representative Steil moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting on March 14, 2007. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in support of the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal.

Tricia Kinley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified before the committee on the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal.

Mayor George Heartwell, City of Grand Rapids, testified before the committee on the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal.

Dan Smith, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal.

Larry Kish, representing the Life Insurance Association of Michigan, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal.

Peter Kuhnmuensch, representing the Insurance Institute of Michigan, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal.

Bill McMaster, representing the Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation, testified before the committee on the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal.

Liz Christy, representing herself, turned in a testimony card in support of the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal but did not wish to speak.

Dr. Joan Sergeant, representing the Tri-County Alliance, turned in a testimony card in support of the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal but did not wish to speak.

Matt Tomasiewicz, representing the Kalamazoo, Muskegon, and Ottawa Intermediate School Districts, turned in a testimony card in support of the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal but did not wish to speak.

Brian Whiston, representing Oakland Schools, turned in a testimony card in support of the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal but did not wish to speak.

Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, turned in a testimony card in support of the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal but did not wish to speak.

Donna Oser, representing the Michigan Parents Teacher Student Association, turned in a testimony card in support of the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal but did not wish to speak.

Amanda Fisher, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, turned in a testimony card in opposition to the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal but did not wish to speak.

Jared Rodriguez, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, turned in a testimony card in opposition to the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal but did not wish to speak.

Bonnie Bochniak, representing the Michigan Business and Professional Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal but did not wish to speak.

Jim Miller, representing the Michigan Insurance Coalition, turned in a testimony card in opposition to the Governor's Michigan business tax proposal but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Bieda** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 12:45 p.m.

Representative Steve Bieda, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070